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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2261
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TAGS: PINT, PK, US
SUBJECT: PAK TIMES STORY ON ASGHAR KHAN'S MEETING WITH US DIPLOMAT

REF: ISLAMABAD 6062

1. IN A SHORT FRONTPAGE STORY ON JUNE 14, THE PAKISTAN TIMES STATED THAT IT STANDS BY ITS REPORT OF JUNE 12 CHARGING THAT ASGHAR KHAN MET AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT FROM KABUL IN PESHAWAR. THE STORY NOTED THAT THE EMBASSY CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT SUCH A MEETING EVER TOOK PLACE, BUT SAID IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD DO SO. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, IT CONCLUDED, ASGHAR KHAN HIMSELF HAS ISSUED NO DENIAL OF THE MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO USIS PRESS CONTACTS, REPORTERS ON JUNE 12 CALLED THE PAK TIMES STORY TO THE ATTENTION OF ASGHAR KHAN WHO SAID HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT BECAUSE NOBODY BELIEVES WHAT THE PAK TIMES PUBLISHES ANYWAY. HE WAS NOT ASKED IF THE STORY WERE TRUE, AND CONSEQUENTLY HE
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DID NOT SAY ANYTHING FURTHER TO DENY IT. USIS UNDERSTANDS FROM PAK TIMES EDITORIAL STAFFERS THAT H.K. BURKI WROTE THE ORIGINAL JUNE 12 STORY AND ALSO DECIDED HOW TO PLAY THE EMBASSY'S DENIAL.

3. UDUR LANGUAGE NAWA-I-WAQT, JANG, HURRIYET, AMAN AND ELAN, AS WELL AS THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEW TIMES,

CARRIED THE EMBASSY'S OFFICIAL DENIAL ON JUNE 14.
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